GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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ADVERSE AFFECT ON DD PROGRAMMES BY CABLE WIRE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.V. viewers are unable to see clear broadcast of Doordarshan Programmes due to laying of cables by the Private Cable Network Operators near the T.V. antennas all over the country particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the broadcasting capacity affected by the said action;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Prasar Bharati have informed that terrestrial reception of Doordarshan programmes ata viewers end can be impaired if these programmes are distributed by the cable operator in the particular area on the same frequency on the cable, as the frequency of Doordarshan terrestrial transmission in the area. Reception can also be impaired if the cable operators` cable running close to receive antenna of a viewer is not of proper quality.

(b) & (c): As per Cable TV Act, it is mandatory for all the cable operators in the countryto distribute programmes of two terrestrial channels of Doordarshan (DD1&2) and aregional channel of the State in prime band on the frequencies other than that of terrestrial transmission in the particular area. Doordarshan is doing its best to persuade the cable operators to adhere to the provisions of Cable TV Regulation Act. Doordarshan also has been telecasting programmes to educate and make the viewers aware of their rights for quality signals from cable operators.

(d): Does not arise.